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TAGS: OVIP (DE LA FLOR VALLE, MIGUE ANGEL), PFOR, PE

SUBJECT: PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR CALLED ME LATE YESTERDAY TO REQUEST BRIEF APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY ANYTIME THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, OR FRIDAY, AUGUST 23. DE LA FLOR SAID HE EXPECTS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY (NO DEFINITE FLIGHT NUMBER YET) AND TO DEPART SOME TIME SATURDAY. DE LA FLOR ASSURED ME THAT CALL ON SECRETARY WOULD BE LARGELY COURTESY IN NATURE AND WOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN TEN MINUTES' TIME.

2. IF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE PERMITS, I URGE SCHEDULING THIS BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH "OLD FRIEND" AS PART OF CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH HEMISPHERE FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT WOULD ALSO HELP FURTHER MY RELATIONS WITH DE LA FLOR WHICH HAVE BECOME PROGRESSIVELY CLOSER. WE HAVE NOTHING SPECIAL TO TAKE UP WITH DE LA FLOR AT THE MOMENT, BUT REACTION ABROAD TO PERU'S NEW PRESS LAW AND BRANIFF-AEROPERU QUESTION MAY ARISE. (ARA HAS BACKGROUND INFORMATION THESE SUBJECTS.) WE HAVE HELPED PERU'S NATIONAL CARRIER, AEROPERU, GET ITS PERMIT TO FLY TO THE U.S. WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS BUT WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT RUMORED PERUVIAN INTENTIONS TO CLIP BRANIFF'S WINGS WHILE NURTURING AEROPERU. WHILE WE SUPPORT AEROPERU'S ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET, WE THINK IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE ON PERU'S PART TO DENY BRANIFF'S REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES AND TO ATTEMPT LEVY UNUSUAL CHARGES ON BRANIFF'S FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC, WHICH COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PERU'S OWN INTERESTS IN EXPANDED TOURISM, BUSINESS AND OTHER AIR TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT.

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THESE QUESTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUBJECTS OF BILATERAL

CIVIL AIR CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

3. DE LA FLOR PROBABLY FEELS ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT
BY HIS CONTACTS WITH SECRETARY AT TLATELOLCO, WASHINGTON, AND
ATLANTA AND BY SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGES OF MESSAGES.
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